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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a low income senior and can not afford the high cost that companies like AT&T and Verizon charge. Not only that, these companies want us to bundle our services - phone, tv and internet. This leaves us, the consumer, in a vulnerable place. My neighbors who have bundled their services have absolutely no connection of service when there is an electricity failure.

Please think about what you are doing and how it has an impact on everyone. Many of us, can not and do not want to deal with these large companies who could care less about those they serve; these companies instead only care about the \$\$\$\$\$\$.

FYI, I live in a small coastal town and recently the direction of one of the main towers which provides cell phone service was changed resulting in dropped phone calls. I have made numerous calls to no avail and as a result had to buy a new phone. However many of my neighbors who still have the older phones stand out in the middle of the street to get cell phone reception. Only a few weeks ago I went into an AT&T store and the manager herself told me that she constantly is hearing about the bad cell phone reception in our town. Hello, we are approximately 35 miles from San Francisco, this should not be happening. We are not in some rural out of the way location, we are near a major metropolitan city. What does this tell you?

For the past 6 plus years a small independent company here on the coast has provided both my wireless wi-fi service and land line service and I could not be happier. PLEASE DO NOT TAKE AWAY MY CHOICE OF PROVIDER!!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Strobel